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## **U.S. AND MEXICO REACH SPECIAL COORDINATION PROCEDURE ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING THE USE OF FREQUENCIES IN THE 806-824/851-869 MHz BANDS**

The Federal Communications Commission and the Mexican Comision Federal de Telecomunicaciones (COFETEL) have signed a Special Coordination Procedure for the use of Certain Frequencies in the Bands 806-824 MHz and 851-869 MHz for Land Mobile Services (SCP). This arrangement permits special coordination of operations subject to the existing Protocol Concerning the Use of the 806-824/851-869 and 896-901/935-940 MHz Bands for Land Mobile Services along the Common Border (Protocol). The SCP serves the public interest by providing additional flexibility for licensees and promoting efficient spectrum use in border areas.

The Protocol designates certain frequencies in the border area for primary use by either the United States or Mexico and states that frequencies allotted for primary use by one country may also be used on a secondary basis by the other country provided that a power flux density (PFD) limit at the border is met. The SCP recognizes that licensees on either side of the border may enter into business arrangements that permit special operations. Under the SCP, each agency may authorize licensees to operate on frequencies allotted on a primary basis to the other country, using the PFD levels required for the operation of its services. To operate pursuant to the SCP licensees must: (1) have their names and the specific frequencies involved added to the SCP annex; (2) file a copy of the business arrangement with their respective agencies; and (3) reach an operating agreement for each proposed station before beginning operations. Licensees may only use the SCP to promote efficient operation of their own systems and may not offer service in the other country.

This arrangement was reached as part of an on-going Commission effort to negotiate sharing agreements with Canada and Mexico that will promote efficient spectrum use in border areas. The initial SCP annex covers operations on specified frequencies by the U.S. licensees Nextel of California, Inc. and Nextel License Holdings 2, Inc. and by the Mexican concessionaires Servicios de Radiocomunicacion Movil de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., and Sistemas de Comunicaciones Troncales, S. A. de C.V. Additional licensees and frequencies may be added to the SCP annex upon the request of interested parties and approval by both agencies.

The full text of the Arrangement has been placed on file at the International Bureau Reference Room CY-A257, located on the Courtyard level of 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., Washington, D.C. Copies are also available from the International Transcription Service at (202) 857-3800 and can be downloaded from the FCC's International Bureau internet site at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pnd/agree>.

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**SPECIAL COORDINATION PROCEDURE FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN  
FREQUENCIES IN THE BANDS 806-824 MHz AND 851-869 MHz FOR LAND  
MOBILE SERVICES**

The Federal Communications Commission of the United States and the Comision Federal de Telecomunicaciones of Mexico (the "Agencies"):

Recognizing that the use of frequencies in the bands 806-824 MHz and 851-869 MHz within the 110 km zone on both sides of the common border between the United States of America ("United States") and the United Mexican States ("Mexico") is regulated under the *Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America Concerning the Allocation and Use of Frequency Bands by Terrestrial Non-Broadcasting Radiocommunications Services Along the Common Border*, signed on June 16, 1994, and the associated *Protocol Concerning the Use of the 806-824/851-869 and 896-901/935-940 MHz Bands for Land Mobile Services Along the Common Border*;

Recognizing that the Agencies are responsible for administering the radio frequency spectrum and promoting its efficient use in their respective countries;

Recognizing further the convenience associated with the Agencies maintaining the flexibility required to re-assign frequencies, from their respective frequency allotments, in a manner consistent with their own authorization procedures;

Recognizing that the use of frequencies identified in the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure within the 110 km zone on both sides of the United States-Mexican common border (the "Sharing Zone"), may be different in those areas that fall beyond this zone; and

Noting that business arrangements may exist between Mexican concessionaires and United States licensees, which provide for spectrum-efficient, seamless frequency re-use plans that extend across the common border between both countries, and facilitate service roaming;

Agree as follows:

1. The frequencies or groups of frequencies that may be authorized by the Agencies to operate pursuant to this Special Coordination Procedure will be incorporated as annexes herein. Each annex should include the authorized frequencies and the names of operators that intend to use such frequencies in accordance with this Special Coordination Procedure.
2. Authorized concessionaires and licensees that comply with applicable requirements may obtain from their respective Agency authorization to use, within the Sharing Zone, specific frequencies identified in the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure which are allotted on a primary basis to the other country, using the Power Flux Density (PFD) levels required for the operation of its services, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a. The United States licensees and the Mexican concessionaires have filed with their respective Agency a copy of the business arrangement listing the frequencies to be shared and the geographical zone (within the Sharing Zone) in which such frequencies are to be shared. Any changes to the approved business arrangements must be notified to the corresponding Agency and will be subject to a new authorization process, if needed;
  - b. The United States licensees and the Mexican concessionaires shall reach an operating agreement for each proposed station within the relevant geographical service area before it is placed in operation, and shall inform the respective Agency about the agreement including the relevant technical information for each station;

- c. In the event that the operations provided for herein cause harmful interference to primary operations in the other country, the licensee or concessionaire will take immediate action to address the interference. Should resolution of the interference situation not be found, the interfering station or stations will be required to cease operations within 10 calendar days from the date on which notification was received;
  - d. Notwithstanding Section 2.c. above, in the event that the operations under this Special Coordination Procedure affect emergency or public safety services, such operations will cease immediately upon receipt of notification of such interference. This includes cases in which any of the frequencies incorporated in the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure are provisionally assigned to be used by emergency or public safety services in the event of natural disasters or other emergency situations.
- 3. Mexican concessionaires and U.S. licensees are not authorized by virtue of this Special Coordination Procedure to offer services within the other country.
  - 4. For each of the frequencies or group of frequencies authorized pursuant to this Special Coordination Procedure, the Agency granting the respective authorization shall send a notification of such authorization to the other Agency.
  - 5. In the event that any of the frequencies included in the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure are adversely affected by subsequent granting of licenses or concessions by either Agency, operations on such frequencies in the other country pursuant to this Special Coordination Procedure will cease within three months from the date of notification.
  - 6. In the event of revocation or termination of the license or concession of any of the operators included in the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure, the associated frequencies shall be deleted from the relevant annex and thereby cease to be subject to the provisions established herein. Operations on such

frequencies in the other country pursuant to this Special Coordination Procedure will cease within three months from the date of notification.

7. This Special Coordination Procedure, including the annexes, may be amended by the Agencies through a mutual exchange of letters. In addition, any of the annexes to this Special Coordination Procedure, or the entire Special Coordination Procedure, may be withdrawn by either Agency upon three months written notice.

This Special Coordination Procedure is accepted by the Agencies and will come into effect on the date of signature.

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**DONALD ABELSON**

Chief, International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission

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**SALMA JALIFE VILLALÓN**

Coordinadora General de Asuntos  
Internacionales  
Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones

Date:

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## ANNEX 1

**List of frequencies to be operated on a shared basis by the Mexican concessionaires *Servicios de Radiocomunicación Móvil de México, S.A. de C.V.*, and *Sistemas de Comunicaciones Troncales, S.A. de C.V.*, and by the U.S. licensees *Nextel of California, Inc.*, and *Nextel License Holdings 2, Inc.***

Geographic area: Within 110 km of the United States - Mexican border

Paired frequencies with U.S. priority use (MHz)			
816.4000	861.4000	819.4000	864.4000
816.6000	861.6000	819.6000	864.6000
816.6500	861.6500	819.6500	864.6500
816.7000	861.7000	819.7000	864.7000
816.7500	861.7500	819.7500	864.7500
816.8000	861.8000	819.8000	864.8000
816.8500	861.8500	819.8500	864.8500
816.9000	861.9000	819.9000	864.9000
816.9500	861.9500	819.9500	864.9500
817.3500	862.3500	820.3000	865.3000
817.4000	862.4000	820.3500	865.3500
817.5000	862.5000	820.5000	865.5000
817.5500	862.5500	820.5500	865.5500
817.6000	862.6000	820.6000	865.6000
817.6500	862.6500	820.6500	865.6500
817.7000	862.7000	820.7000	865.7000
817.7500	862.7500	820.7500	865.7500
817.8000	862.8000	820.8000	865.8000
817.8500	862.8500	820.8500	865.8500
817.9000	862.9000	820.9000	865.9000
817.9500	862.9500	820.9500	865.9500
818.3000	863.3000		
818.3500	863.3500		
818.4000	863.4000		
818.5000	863.5000		
818.5500	863.5500		
818.6000	863.6000		
818.6500	863.6500		
818.7000	863.7000		
818.7500	863.7500		
818.8000	863.8000		
818.8500	863.8500		
818.9000	863.9000		
818.9500	863.9500		
819.3000	864.3000		
819.3500	864.3500		

Paired frequencies with Mexican priority use (MHz)			
816.0750	861.0750	819.0750	864.0750
816.1250	861.1250	819.1250	864.1250
816.1750	861.1750	819.1750	864.1750
816.3250	861.3250	819.3250	864.3250
816.3750	861.3750	819.3750	864.3750
816.4250	861.4250	819.4250	864.4250
816.5750	861.5750	819.5750	864.5750
816.6250	861.6250	819.6250	864.6250
816.6750	861.6750	819.6750	864.6750
816.8250	861.8250	819.8250	864.8250
816.8750	861.8750	819.8750	864.8750
816.9250	861.9250	819.9250	864.9250
817.0750	862.0750	820.0750	865.0750
817.1250	862.1250	820.1250	865.1250
817.1750	862.1750	820.1750	865.1750
817.3250	862.3250	820.3250	865.3250
817.3750	862.3750	820.3750	865.3750
817.4250	862.4250	820.4250	865.4250
817.5750	862.5750	820.5750	865.5750
817.6250	862.6250	820.6250	865.6250
817.6750	862.6750	820.6750	865.6750
817.8250	862.8250	820.8250	865.8250
817.8750	862.8750	820.8750	865.8750
817.9250	862.9250	820.9250	865.9250
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